



A CLOSER LOOK

at the Indiana State
Department of Agriculture

Our Department is unique:
The Indiana State Department of Agriculture was created in April 2005 to advance our state's food and agriculture industry.

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and Lt. Governor Becky Skillman bring unprecedented focus to agriculture. They are the most pro-agriculture Administration the state has seen in years and one of the most pro-agriculture in the United States.

Meet Your Agriculture Team:



Mitch Daniels
Governor

Our Vision is simple:

Indiana will be a global center for food and agriculture innovation and commercialization.

Becky Skillman

Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of Agriculture and Rural
Development

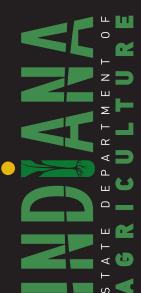


Our Mission is bold:

ISDA will make agriculture a key part of the state's economic revitalization and establish Indiana as a leader in the global agricultural economy. The Department must lead and guide our sector's growth and must have a focused, action-based strategic plan.

Our Service is genuine:

ISDA serves Hoosiers as an advocate for agriculture. The Department offers several services to consumers, producers and agribusinesses such as: linking producers and agribusinesses with economic development and entrepreneurial resources, assisting landowners in implementing good conservation practices, facilitating international trade and investment opportunities and assisting with regulatory issues.



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Indiana State Department of Agriculture Key Mission Areas

Economic Development

Responsible for fostering economic development activity in food and agriculture and implementing market development programs and funds designed to foster the overall agriculture economy.

Conservation and Regulatory Affairs

Responsible for implementing the state's soil conservation programs and livestock producer support tools, interacting with key regulatory bodies which impact agriculture and overseeing the Indiana Grain Buyers Warehouse Licensing Agency, the Indiana Land Resource Council and the State Soil Conservation Board.

Policy and Research

Responsible for the myriad of economic and policy research analyses that are important in advancing the strategic plan and maintaining a grasp on the state and global agriculture economy.

Communications and Outreach

Responsible for external communications and marketing, oversight for any communications to advance the strategic initiatives and coordinating the Agency's outreach efforts to local and regional organizations and governments.

Operations

Responsible for budgeting, technical support, human resources, office management, grants and contracts.

Quick Facts

Indiana holds high-level national rankings in several "unexpected" commodities:

Number One

in the nation in duck production and the manufacture of wood office furniture and forest-based businesses

Number Two

in processing tomatoes and ice cream production

Number Four

in soybean production, mint and eggs

Hardwoods

Increase Indiana's competitiveness in the hardwood sector through technology advancements and consumer awareness of our quality advantage.

Bioenergy

Maximize Indiana's competitive advantage in agriculturally-derived energy and lead the development of new technologies and sources of that energy.

Food Processing

Leverage Indiana's comparative advantage in food processing research, general business climate and logistics to expand Indiana's food processing sector.

Livestock Integration

Establish Indiana as a national leader in integrating livestock agriculture into local economic development planning by promoting sound production practices, public understanding of modern agriculture and innovative land use tools.

Pork Production

Double hog production while increasing pork processing capacity in the state.

Regulatory Coordination

Ensure that agricultural regulatory standards are science-based and do not impede economic development by supporting a more streamlined agricultural regulatory structure and positioning ISDA as an agricultural ombudsman.

Federal Farm and Trade Policy

Establish a state leadership role in formulating U.S. agricultural and trade policy and pursuing foreign market development opportunities to promote sustainable economic competitiveness.



Our Eight Strategies: